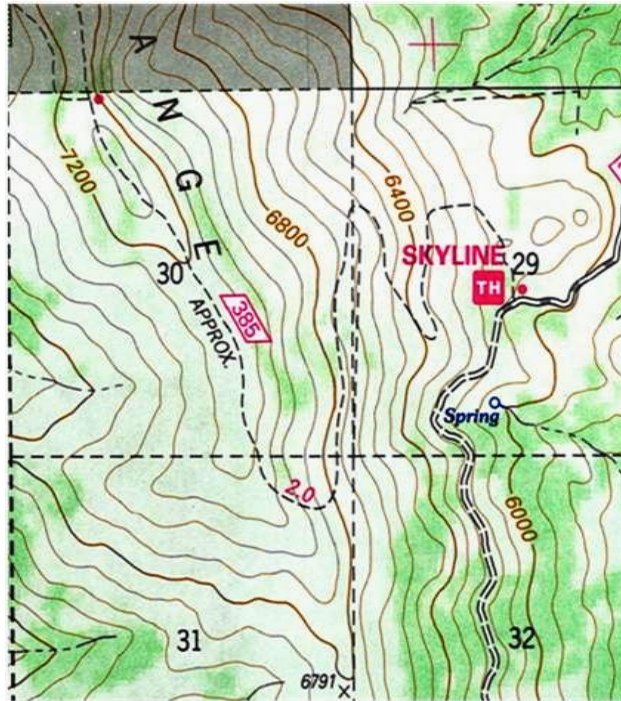


What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map section taken from the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.

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The Skyline Trailhead is located on the Southeast side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, and ranges in elevation from 6100 ft. to 8000 ft.

Skyline trail can be reached easily during the summer months for recreation. During winter months the trail is open for snowshoeing or skiing, however getting to the trail becomes more difficult. The trail is used primarily by big game hunters and horse users.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.



What to Look Forward To

The Skyline Trail leads along the backbone of the Strawberry Mountains. It allows access to the upper end of the Big Creek drainage and both Slide and High Lakes.

Great Hike

The Skyline Trail is a good multi or single day hike. For a good single day short hike, Skyline Trail connects to the Snowshoe Trail #380. For a multiday hike the options are plentiful. The Skyline Trail connects all the way across to the Slide Lake Trail #385A, from Slide Lake the trail continues on to High Lake and the High Lake Rim Trailhead. From here you can connect to Roads End Trailhead and make a loop with other trails. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, or a water filtration system. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip including route of travel and an estimated time of return. Let family or friends know your plan. Do not rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to use it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

The trail is 17.8 miles one way.

To Snowshoe Trailhead is approximately 4 miles.

To Slide Lake is approximately 11 miles.

To High Lake is approximately 12 miles.

Difficult

Directions

From Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left. This road becomes County Rd. 62. Follow it approximately 18 miles to Forest Rd. 101, take Forest Rd. 101 to Skyline Trailhead.

From John Day take Hwy 395 south to County Rd. 65 this will lead to Forest Rd. 15. Travel to the connection with Forest Rd. 16. Follow to Forest Rd. 1640 this road will lead to the High Lake Rim Trail that connects to the west end of the Skyline Trail.